POSSIBLE LAUNCH GROUP UNDER CONSTRUCTION

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1. THIS MISSION REVEALS A POSSIBLE LAUNCH GROUP CONSISTING OF SEVEN NEWLY IDENTIFIED AREAS OF CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY AT THE WEST END OF THE RANGEHEAD IN THE VICINITY OF LAUNCH COMPLEXES "F", "G", AND "K". ONE OF THESE CONSTRUCTION SITES IS LOCATED NEAR LAUNCH COMPLEX "K", AND THE OTHER SIX CONSTRUCTION SITES ARE ARRANGED IN A GENERALLY CIRCULAR CONFIGURATION AROUND IT. THE SITES ARE ALL IN AN EARLY STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION. THE TYPE OF SITE CANNOT BE POSITIVELY DETERMINED. THESE AREAS OF CONSTRUCTION ARE EVALUATED AS A POSSIBLE LAUNCH GROUP BECAUSE OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SILOS UNDER CONSTRUCTION, THEIR ARRANGEMENT AND SPACING, AND BECAUSE THERE IS EVIDENCE OF PROBABLE DITCHING BETWEEN CONSTRUCTION AREAS.

AREAS OF CONSTRUCTION:

1 -- LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 5,000 FT SOUTH OF LAUNCH AREA K3, CONSISTING OF A SHALLOW EXCAVATION WITH THREE DITCHES RADIATING THEREFROM. NEGATED ON 25X1

2 -- LOCATED 3.4 NM NNE OF AREA 1, CONSISTING OF A SHALLOW EXCAVATION CONTAINING A CIRCULAR OBJECT, POSSIBLY A SILO.

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FIRST OBSERVABLE [redacted] 25X1

3 -- LOCATED 3.4 NM SE OF AREA 1, CONSISTING OF A SHALLOW EXCAVATION AT THE APPROXIMATE CENTER OF A TRAPEZOIDAL SECURITY FENCE, CONTAINING A CIRCULAR OBJECT, POSSIBLY A SILO. PROBABLE DITCHING EXTENDS TO AREA 4 AND THEN SOUTHWARD FOR A SHORT DISTANCE. FIRST POSSIBILITY OF ACTIVITY [redacted] 25X1

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4 -- LOCATED 4.4 NM SSW OF AREA 1, CONSISTING OF A LINEAR EXCAVATION WITH A POSSIBLE SILO IN IT, AND A SMALL STRUCTURE NEARBY. A PROBABLE DITCH EXTENDS TO THE NE. FIRST POSSIBILITY OF ACTIVITY ON [redacted] 25X1

5 -- LOCATED 4 NM WSW OF AREA 1, CONSISTING OF A LINEAR EXCAVATION WITH A POSSIBLE CIRCULAR SILO IN IT AND A SMALL STRUCTURE NEARBY. UNIMPROVED ROADS EXTEND TO AREA 6 AND TO THE CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT AREA OF THE COMPLEX SUPPORT FACILITY AT LAUNCH COMPLEX "G". FIRST OBSERVED ON [redacted] 25X1

6 -- LOCATED 6.5 NM WNW OF AREA 1, CONSISTING OF A POSSIBLE SILO CORING IN A SHALLOW EXCAVATION. UNIMPROVED ROADS EXTEND TO AREA 5 AND TO THE COMPLEX SUPPORT FACILITY AT LAUNCH COMPLEX "G". POSSIBLE FIRST EVIDENCE ON [redacted] 25X1

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7 -- LOCATED 5.1 NM NNW OF AREA 1, CONSISTING OF A GRADED AREA WITH PROBABLE DITCHING EXTENDING SOUTH AND SW. AN UNIMPROVED ROAD EXTENDS TO LAUNCH AREA G3-G4 (LAUNCH COMPLEX "G").

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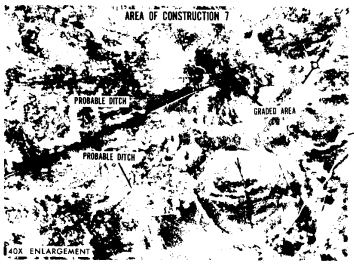

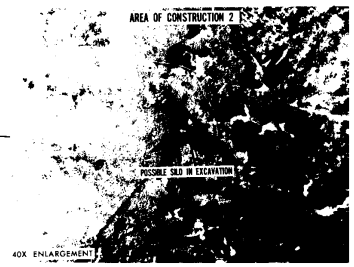

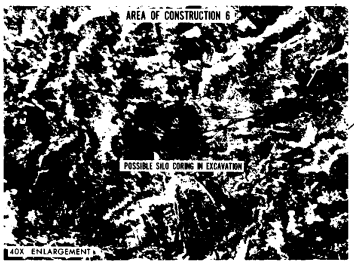

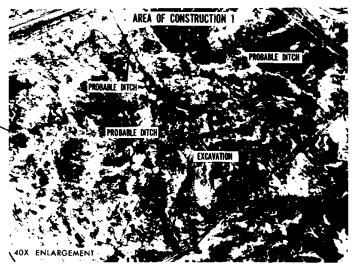

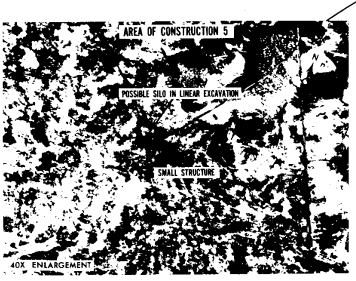

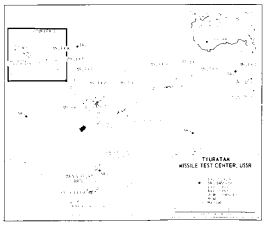

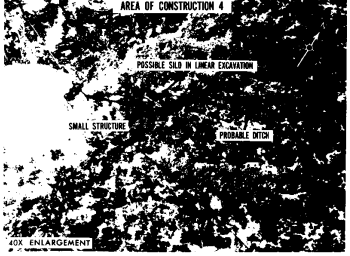

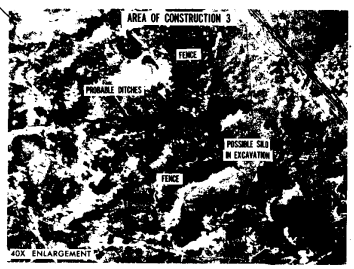

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